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# Royal Charter of Incorporation

TO THE

## ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

1859.

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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the  
Faith, To all to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.

WHEREAS Sir Roderick Impey Murchison,  
Knight, and others of our loving subjects did, in the  
year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, establish a  
Society, by the name of *The Royal Geographical Society*,  
for the advancement of Geographical Science, and of  
which Society we have become the *Patron*:

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to us  
that the same Society has since its establishment sedu-  
lously pursued such its proposed object, by collecting,  
registering, digesting, and, from time to time, publishing  
an annual *Journal* of Transactions, which have con-  
tributed to the progress of geographical knowledge; by

carrying out, at its own expense, various important Expeditions in every quarter of the Globe, and by assisting other Expeditions with grants of money and otherwise; and whereas, distinguished individuals in foreign countries, as well as British subjects, have availed themselves of the facilities offered by the same Society for communicating important discoveries, greatly extending geographical knowledge:

AND WHEREAS the same Society has, in aid of its objects, collected a large and valuable *Library* of Scientific Works, Atlases, Maps, Charts, Plans, Views, and Instruments, to which fresh accessions are constantly being made; and the said Society has hitherto been supported by Donations, and annual and other Subscriptions and Contributions to its Funds:

AND WHEREAS, in order to secure the property of the said Society, to extend its operations, and to give it a more permanent establishment among the scientific Institutions of our Kingdom, we have been besought to grant to the said Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Knight, and to those who now are, or shall hereafter become, Members of the said Society, our *Royal Charter of Incorporation* for the purposes aforesaid.

Now KNOW YE, that *We*, being desirous of encouraging a design so laudable and salutary, of our especial *Grace*, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, granted and declared, and Do, by these Presents for *us*, our *heirs*, and *successors*, will, grant and declare, that the said Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Knight, and

such other of our loving subjects as now are Members of the said Society, or shall from time to time be elected *Fellows* thereof, according to such Regulations, or Bye Laws, as shall be hereafter framed or enacted, and their successors, shall for ever hereafter be, by virtue of these *Presents*, one body politic and corporate, by the name of “*The Royal Geographical Society*;” and for the purposes aforesaid, and by the name aforesaid, shall have perpetual succession and a *Common Seal*, with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, and renew the same at their discretion, and by the same name, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in every court of us our *heirs* and *successors*, and be for ever able and capable in the law, to purchase, receive, possess, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, any goods and chattels whatsoever; and also to be able and capable in the law (notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain), to take, purchase, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, a *Hall or House*, and any such messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Society, the yearly value of which, including the site of the said Hall or House, shall not exceed in the whole the sum of eight thousand pounds, computing the same respectively at the rack rent which might have been had or gotten for the same respectively at the time of the purchase or acquisition thereof; and to act in all the concerns of the said Body politic and corporate, as effectually, to all intents and purposes, as any other of our liege subjects, or any other body politic or corporate, in our said Kingdom, not being under any disability, might do in their respective concerns.

AND we do hereby grant our especial licence and authority, unto all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, otherwise competent to grant, sell, alien, and convey in Mortmain, unto and to the use of the said body politic and corporate, and their successors, any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, not exceeding such annual value as aforesaid.

AND our will and pleasure is, and we further grant and declare, that there shall be a General Meeting, or General Meetings of the Fellows of the said Society, to be held from time to time as hereinafter mentioned ; and that there shall be a *Council* to direct and manage the concerns of the said body politic and corporate, and that the General Meetings and the Council shall have the entire direction and management of the same, in the manner and subject to the regulations hereafter mentioned.

AND we do hereby also will, grant and declare, that there shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of the said body politic and corporate ; and that the Council shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Trustees, Secretaries, and not more than twenty-one, nor less than twelve, other Fellows of the said Society.

AND we do hereby further will and declare, that the said Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Knight, shall be the first President of the said body politic and corporate ; and the other persons now being the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Trustees, Secretaries, together with twenty-one Members of the Council, shall be the first Members of the

Council, and shall continue such until the election of Officers shall be made in pursuance of these presents.

AND we do hereby further will and declare, that it shall be lawful for the Fellows of the said body politic and corporate hereby established, to hold a General Meeting once in the year, or oftener, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, namely, That the President, Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretaries, and other members of the Council, shall be chosen at such General Meeting, and that the General Meetings shall from time to time make and establish such Bye Laws, and vary and alter, or revoke the same, as they shall deem to be useful and necessary for the regulation of the said body politic and corporate, for the admission of Fellows and of Honorary and Foreign Members, and for the fixing the number of the Presidents, Officers, and for the management of the proceedings, and the estates, goods, and business of the said body politic and corporate, so that such Bye Laws be not repugnant to these presents, or to the Laws and Statutes of this our realm, and shall and may also enter into any resolution and make any regulation respecting the affairs of the said body politic and corporate that may be necessary and proper.

AND we do further will and declare that the General Meetings shall take place at such time as may be fixed by the said Council, and that the present regulations of the said Society, so far as they are not inconsistent with these presents, shall continue in force until the same shall be altered by a General Meeting.

AND we further will, grant and declare, that the Council shall have the sole management of the income and funds of the said body politic and corporate, and the appointment of Secretary, Librarian, Curator, and such other officers, attendants, and servants, as the Council shall think necessary or useful, as also the entire management and superintendence of all the other affairs of the said Society, and shall and may, but not inconsistently with or contrary to the provisions of this our Charter, or any existing Bye Law, or Laws and Statutes of this our realm, do all such acts and deeds as shall appear to them necessary for carrying into effect the objects and views of the said body politic and corporate.

PROVIDED always, and we do will and declare that the Council shall from time to time render to a General Meeting a full account of their proceedings, and that every Fellow of the Society may, at all reasonable times, to be fixed by the said Council, see and examine the accounts of the receipts and payments of the said body politic and corporate.

AND we further will, grant and declare, that the whole property of the said body politic and corporate shall be vested, and we do hereby vest the same solely and absolutely in the Fellows thereof, and that they shall have full power and authority to sell, alienate, charge, and otherwise dispose of the same as they shall think proper; but that no sale, mortgage, incumbrance, or other disposition of any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments belonging to the said body politic and

corporate shall be made, except with the approbation and concurrence of a General Meeting.

AND we lastly declare it to be our *Royal Will and Pleasure*, that no Resolution or Bye Law shall on any account or pretence whatsoever be made by the said body politic and corporate in opposition to the general scope, true intent, and meaning of this our Charter, or the Laws or Statutes of our realm, and that if any such Rule or Bye Law shall be made, the same shall be absolutely null and void to all intents, effects, constructions, and purposes whatsoever.

IN witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselv<sup>e</sup>, at our Palace at Westminster,  
this eighth day of February, in the twenty-second year  
of our reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

(Signed)                  EDMUND<sup>S</sup>.



BYE-LAWS  
OF THE  
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

AS AMENDED BY A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON  
JUNE 22ND, 1896.

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CHAPTER I.

CONSTITUTION.

1. THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY is instituted for the Advancement of Geographical Science.
2. The Society consists of Fellows, and of Honorary and Honorary Corresponding Members.
3. A Council shall be chosen annually from the Fellows to conduct the affairs of the Society, and shall consist of a President, six Vice-Presidents — two of whom shall be Ex-Presidents, if available — a Treasurer and two other Trustees, three Honorary Secretaries, and twenty-one other Councillors.
4. Every Fellow shall be eligible to fill any of the offices in the Council. One of the Vice-Presidents, and seven of the other Councillors shall be changed every year, and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office till after the expiration of one year.
5. In the case of the death or resignation of the President, of one of the Honorary Secretaries, or of the Treasurer, in the interval between any two successive annual meetings,

the Council shall have power to appoint one of their number to perform the duties of the vacant office provisionally, until the next General Meeting.

6. The Society shall not make or distribute any dividend, division, or bonus in money, unto or between its Fellows.

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## CHAPTER II.

### PUBLICATIONS AND COLLECTIONS.

1. THE Society shall, from time to time, under the superintendence of the Council, publish Transactions, and accompany them with Maps and other Illustrations, as occasion may require.

2. Each Fellow is entitled to a copy of the Society's monthly publication, which will be forwarded, free of expense, to all Fellows whose addresses are known.

3. The monthly publication shall include a Report of the Proceedings of meetings, papers read or abstracts thereof, donations made to the Society, and such additional matter as may seem appropriate.

4. The Society shall maintain a Library, and a collection of Maps, Charts, Photographs, and Instruments connected with Geographical Science, to which Fellows and Strangers by free orders shall have access, under such restrictions as may appear advisable to the Council.\*

\* For Regulations for the Library and Map Room see Appendix I.

## CHAPTER III.

## ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF FELLOWS.

1. EVERY Candidate for admission into the Society as a Fellow must be proposed and seconded agreeably to the Form No. 1 in the Appendix II.; and such proposal must be subscribed by one Fellow at least, who must certify his personal knowledge of the Candidate.
2. The Form, thus filled up, shall be delivered to the Secretary, and shall be read out at the next Ordinary Meeting of Fellows; after which it shall be suspended in a conspicuous place in the Society's House till the next Meeting.
3. The Election of Fellows is entrusted to the Council; and the names of those so elected shall be regularly announced at each Ordinary Meeting.
4. The Secretary shall send to every newly elected Fellow notice of his election within three days; together with a Copy of the Bye-Laws of the Society, corrected to the date of issue, a List of the Fellows, and a Card announcing the days on which the Ordinary Meetings will be held during the current Session. But no election of a Fellow shall be complete, neither shall his name be printed in any List of the Fellows, nor shall he be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of a Fellow, until he shall have paid his entrance-fee and annual subscription; compounded for the same, as hereafter to be explained; or been exempted therefrom under paragraph 6 of this Chapter; and unless these payments be made within three calendar months from the date of election, such election shall be void; but this period may be extended by the Council in special cases.

5. Honorary and Honorary Corresponding Members shall be selected by the Council, and shall enjoy such privileges as the Council may from time to time determine.

6. The Council are empowered to remit the entrance fees and subscriptions in a limited number of cases, where it may be found desirable to elect gentlemen to the Fellowship who are distinguished for their services to Geographical Science.

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#### CHAPTER IV.

##### WITHDRAWAL AND REMOVAL OF FELLOWS.

1. ANY Fellow may withdraw from the Society by signifying his wish to do so, by letter addressed to the Secretary, at the House of the Society; he shall nevertheless continue to be liable for his annual subscription for the year in which he signifies his wish to withdraw; and he shall further continue liable for such annual subscription until he shall have discharged all sums due by him to the Society, and shall have returned all books or other property borrowed by him of the Society; or shall have made full compensation for the same, if lost, or not forthcoming.

2. Any Fellow may be removed from the Society, by the Vote, taken by ballot, of a Special General Meeting of the Fellows.

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## CHAPTER V.

## PAYMENTS TO THE SOCIETY.

1. EVERY Fellow shall, on election, be required to pay £5 as entrance fee, and £2 as annual subscription for the current year, and thereafter a yearly subscription of £2, due on the 1st January of each year ; or he may compound either at entrance by one payment of £35, or at any subsequent period on the following scale, provided that there shall be at the time no arrears due by him to the Society :—

Fellows of 10 years' standing and under 15 .	£20
"      15    "      "      "      "      20 .	£16
"      20    "      "      "      and over .	£12 10s.

No Fellow shall be entitled to vote or to enjoy any privilege of the Society while in arrear. Honorary and Honorary Corresponding Members and Fellows elected under Chapter II., paragraph 6, are not required to make any payments.

2. The first Annual payment of Fellows elected in November and December shall nevertheless be considered to extend to the 31st December of the following year.

3. So soon in every year as the Auditors shall have completed their financial investigation, the name of every Fellow in arrear to the Society, together with a statement of the amount in arrear, shall be reported to the Council; and notice of the same, with an account of such arrear, shall be forwarded to every Fellow whose name shall have been so reported; and if the arrear be not paid within one calendar month from the date of such notice, or within such further time as the Council may grant upon special cause to them

shown, the Council shall direct that the name of the Fellow so reported together with a statement of the arrear shall be suspended in the House of the Society ; and if the arrear shall not have been discharged before the second Ordinary Meeting after such suspension, the Council shall be empowered to remove his name from the Society's List ; and the name of any one so suspended shall not be taken down until the arrear shall have been paid, or the Fellow shall have been removed from the Society.

## CHAPTER VI.

### MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

#### *Sect. 1.—Anniversary Meetings.*

1. THE Anniversary General Meeting of the Fellows shall be held on the fourth Monday in May, or as near that date as may be found convenient.
2. Notice of this Meeting shall be sent to every Fellow residing in the United Kingdom, whose address is known ; and shall be inserted in two or more newspapers, one week at least before the day of Meeting.
3. The following shall be the Agenda for the Anniversary General Meeting :
  - (1) The Presentation of the Gold Medals and other awards of the Society.
  - (2) The Presidential Address.
  - (3) An interval for the withdrawal of visitors, prior to which no discussion shall be allowed.

(4) The presentation of the Annual Report of the Council.

(5) The election of the Council and Officers for the ensuing year.

No other business shall be transacted.

No resolution shall be passed at the Anniversary General Meeting. But in the event of any Fellow being desirous of bringing forward a Motion on any point in the Report of the Council, such Motion shall be handed in, read and referred to a Special General Meeting; provided that such Motion is supported by not less than forty Fellows present.

4. In order to give effect to the provisions in Chap. I., paragraph 4, which require certain annual changes, as before specified, in the Council, a sufficient number of printed balloting lists, according to the form in the Appendix, shall be prepared previous to the Meeting; one column of which shall contain a list of the existing Council, a second the names of Fellows changing office or retiring, a third the list proposed for election by the Council, and a fourth left vacant to receive names which any Fellow may wish to substitute for those proposed for election by the Council. One of the balloting lists shall be available for every Fellow present at the Meeting.

5. The chair shall be taken at the time named in the notice, or as soon after as twenty-five Fellows shall be present; whereupon the Chairman shall appoint two or more Scrutineers from among the Fellows present, to superintend the ballot during its progress, and, when it is closed, to examine the lists, and report the result to the Meeting.

6. Each Fellow voting shall deliver his balloting list, folded up, to one of the Scrutineers, who shall immediately put it into the balloting-box.

7. The Scrutineers shall report the number of votes for each person to the Chairman, who shall declare the persons on whom the election has fallen.

8. If the name of any Candidate is found to be simply erased in the majority of the balloting papers, without any name being substituted, as provided in paragraph 4 of this section, such Candidate shall not be elected. The vacancy thus created may either be left open till the next Annual Meeting, or be filled up at an adjourned General Meeting of the Fellows, as the Chairman may think best.

*Sect. 2.—Special General Meetings.*

1. The Council may at any time call a Special General Meeting of the Society, whenever it shall be considered necessary.

2. Any six Fellows may propose to the Council, by letter addressed to the Secretary, any new Bye-Law, or the alteration or repeal of any existing Bye-Law, or any resolution respecting the affairs of the Society, and if dissatisfied with the answer of the Council, may, if supported by the written requisition of not less than forty Fellows, require that the proposition be referred to a Special General Meeting, which the Council shall convene during the Session for that purpose within sixty days after receiving such requisition; the days in the months of August, September, and October not being included in the reckoning.

3. Thirty days' notice at least of the time when, and the object for which, every Special Meeting is to be held, shall be sent to every Fellow residing in the United Kingdom. And no other business than that of which notice has been thus given shall be entered upon or discussed at such Meeting.

4. Not fewer than one hundred Fellows must be present to pass any resolution at a Special General Meeting; and no such resolution shall be carried unless supported by two-thirds of the Fellows voting.

*Sect. 3.—Ordinary Meetings of the Society.*

1. The Ordinary Meetings shall be held on the evenings of the second and fourth Monday of every month during the Session; or otherwise as judged expedient by the Council.

2. Fellows will be admitted to the Meetings, on showing their "Fellow's Ticket," which will be sent to all whose Subscriptions are not in arrear, at the commencement of each Session.

3. One Visitor may be introduced personally by each Fellow present, or by a Fellow's Ticket transferred for the occasion. Visitors may also be admitted by invitation of the Council.

4. At the Ordinary Meetings, the order of proceeding shall be as follows:—

A. The Minutes of the last Meeting shall be read, and, if their accuracy be not questioned, signed by the President or Chairman.

B. Result of Ballot of Candidates and names of Proposed Candidates shall be announced.

C. Papers and communications shall then be read and discussed.

5. At the Ordinary Meetings of the Society nothing relating to its regulations or management shall be brought forward. But the Minute-Book of the Council shall be on the table at each Meeting; and extracts therefrom may be read to the Meeting on the requisition of any Fellow.

6. On occasions which the President shall decide to be of exceptional interest, and which shall be duly advertised in the Daily Newspapers, ordinary Tickets will not be available; but written or personal applications from Fellows will be received at the Office of the Society for Orders of Admission for themselves (single tickets), or for themselves and one friend (double tickets), up to a date to be notified by Circular; and on that date such seats as may remain after seating all Fellows who have applied shall be allotted to the guests of Fellows in the order of application.

7. On such occasions as described in Rule 6, Eighty Seats shall be reserved for Members of Council and their friends; and Fifty Reserved Seats for Visitors of distinction shall be at the disposal of the President.

## CHAPTER VII.

### COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

#### *Sect. 1.—Council.*

1 THE government of the Society, and the management of all its concerns, are entrusted to the Council, subject to the provisions of the Charter and the Bye-Laws of the Society.

2. The President, any one of the Vice-Presidents, or any three other Members of the Council, may at any time call a Meeting of the Council; and when such Meeting is to be held, every Member of the Council residing in the United Kingdom shall be summoned by letter.

3. In all Meetings of the Council, five shall be a quorum; and all questions shall be decided by vote, unless a ballot be

demanded. Any determination of the Council, whether by vote or ballot, shall, at the desire of any two Fellows present, be deferred to the succeeding Meeting; but no question shall be more than once so deferred.

4. Minutes of the Proceedings of every Meeting of the Council shall be taken in a rough book by one of the Secretaries, or, in case of their absence, by some Member of Council whom the President or Chairman shall appoint for the occasion. The Minutes shall be printed and transferred to a Minute-Book to be kept for that purpose, and read at the next Meeting of the Council, and signed by the President or Chairman.

5. The Accounts of the Society shall be examined by the Council from time to time; and at the Anniversary General Meeting the Council shall present a complete statement thereof, together with a Report on the general affairs of the Society during the preceding year.

6. The Council may refer particular subjects to Committees, to be named by the President or Chairman; and such Committee shall report to the Council the result of their proceedings.

7. There shall also be permanent working Committees of Council nominated by the President, the number, designation, and purposes of which shall be arranged by the Council as, from time to time, may seem necessary.

8. The Council may appoint persons, not being Members of the Council, to be salaried Officers, Clerks, or Servants, for carrying on the necessary concerns of the Society; and may define the duties to be performed by them respectively; and may allow to them respectively such salaries, gratuities, and privileges, as to them, the Council, may seem proper;

and may suspend or discharge any Officer, Clerk, or Servant from office, whenever there shall seem to them occasion for so doing.

*Sect. 2.—President.*

1. The President when present is Chairman of the Council, of all Committees, and of all Meetings of the Fellows whether Ordinary or Special.
2. He shall execute, and cause to be executed, the Bye-Laws of the Society; shall see that all the Officers of the Society perform the duties assigned to them; shall call for Reports and Accounts from Committees and persons; shall cause of his own authority Special Meetings of the Council and of Committees to be summoned; and shall propose, from time to time, to the Council such measures as shall appear to him conducive to the welfare of the Society.
3. As Chairman of the Council he shall appoint Referees to examine and report on original Papers communicated to the Society, previous to their publication.
4. It is his duty, conjointly with the Council, to consider and resolve on the names of Fellows who are to go out of the Council, and of those to be recommended to the Anniversary Meeting to fill up the vacancies.
5. When prevented from being present at the meetings of the Fellows or Council, or from otherwise attending to the current business of the Society, he will be expected to give timely notice thereof to one of the Vice-Presidents, or, in their absence, to some other Member of the Council, who may exercise his authority until the next meeting of the Council.
6. In all Meetings of the Society and Council, except in the cases otherwise provided for, the decision of a majority

of the Fellows voting shall be considered as the decision of the Meeting, the President or Chairman having only a casting vote.

*Sect. 3.—Vice-Presidents.*

1. One of the Vice-Presidents to be nominated by the Council shall exercise the authority of the President when absent.
2. The Vice-Presidents, by virtue of their office, shall be Members of all the permanent Working Committees of the Council.

*Sect. 4.—Treasurer.*

1. The Treasurer is *ex-officio* one of the Trustees of the Society; and the Funds of the Society shall be vested in his name, and in those of the two other Trustees.
2. The Treasurer has special charge of all Accounts; and shall see to the collecting of all sums of money due to the Society.
3. He shall, of his own authority, appoint a Collector, for whom he shall be responsible, and who shall receive a reasonable remuneration; and the money collected shall immediately be paid to the Bankers of the Society.
4. The Treasurer, in concert with the Secretary, shall keep a complete List of the Fellows of the Society, with the name and address of each accurately set forth; which List, with the other Books of Account, shall be laid on the table at every Ordinary Meeting of the Council.
5. The Accounts of the Treasurer shall be annually audited at the discretion of the Council either by a Chartered Accountant or by four Fellows, two selected from the

general body of the Fellows, and two from the Council, proposed by the President or Chairman, and approved by the first Ordinary Meeting held in the month of February. No drafts on the Society's Bankers shall be paid unless signed by two of the Council and the Secretary.

*Sect. 5.—Honorary Secretaries.*

Of the three Members of the Council who are elected as Honorary Secretaries by the Society, two shall be General Secretaries and one the Foreign Secretary. The Honorary Secretaries shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall exercise such other powers as the Council shall delegate to them from time to time. The Honorary Secretaries, by virtue of their office, shall be Members of all the permanent Working Committees of the Council.

*Sect. 6.—Secretary.*

The Secretary shall be a salaried officer, appointed by and responsible to the Council, and shall be the Editor of the Society's publications. His further duties shall be such as are from time to time determined by the Council.

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## APPENDIX.

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### I.

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY AND MAP ROOM.

1. The Library shall be open to Fellows every day in the week except Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and on such other days as the Council may from time to time determine, from half-past Ten in the morning to half-past Four in the afternoon, except on Saturdays, when it shall close at One p.m. The Map Room shall be open to Fellows and the public on the same days and during the same hours as the Library.

2. Every Fellow of the Society is entitled (subject to the Bye-Laws) to borrow as many as four volumes at one time, with the exception of Dictionaries, Encyclopaedias, and other works of reference, Minute-Books, Manuscripts, Atlases, Books in loose sheets, unbound Numbers of Periodicals, Drawings and Prints, unless with the special written order of the President or one of the Secretaries. Maps, Charts, and Photographs can only be lent by the special sanction of the President or one of the Secretaries. New Works cannot be lent before the expiration of three months after receipt.

3. The title of every Book, Pamphlet, Map, or Work of any kind lent shall be entered in the Library-register, with the borrower's signature, unless applied for by letter in the borrower's hand.

4. No work of any kind can be retained longer than one month; but at the expiration of that period, or sooner, the same must be returned free of expense, and may then, upon re-entry, be again borrowed, provided that no application for it shall have been made in the meantime by any other Fellow.

5. Any Fellow requiring to consult a volume on the premises

shall apply to the Librarian, or his Assistant, who will procure the same; and every such volume when done with shall be at once handed to the Librarian, or his Assistant, to be by him returned to its proper place.

6. In every case of loss or damage to any volume, or other property of the Society, the borrower shall make good the same; and all or any property shall be considered as lost, and recovery of its value be capable of being enforced, which is not returned within four months after application for it.

7. No stranger can be admitted to the Library except by the introduction of a Fellow.

8. Fellows transgressing any of the above Regulations shall be reported by the Secretary to the Council, when such steps will be taken as the case may require.

9. In consideration of the grant of £500 per annum from Her Majesty's Government, the Map Room of the Society shall be open to all persons seeking geographical information.

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## II.

## No. 1.—FORM OF CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATE.

## CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

being desirous of admission into the ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, We, the undersigned, recommend him as likely to become a useful and valuable Fellow

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189 .

F.R.G.S. { *From personal knowledge.*

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